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LOWELL JOURNAL
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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Detroit's enlargement by the addition of territory taken from Hamtramck, Greenfield and Springwells was undoubtedly a judicious measure. It increases the area of the city about fifty per cent, and will bring under more rigid government some mighty tough outer districts. Whether it will enable the city to choose for its common council men who can meet in their official capacity without calling each other "liar and villain" every five minutes, remains to be seen.

The Michigan congressional delegation visited the President until they and he became weary. When they got tired they retired and kindly permitted Don Dickinson to march in procession all alone to the White House, to tell the President how to distribute the loaves and fishes in Michigan. The "delegation" would like to know what they were there for, anyway.

JOURNAL JOTTINGS.

The Caledonia News is a bright paper. The recent rains have done much good. John J. VanLeuven, of Grand Rapids, failed.

Dr. Newson of Alaska moves to Grand Rapids.

Geo. Coppens of Bowne has gone to Kansas.

H. W. Avery has gone to Chicago on business.

Remember "Children's day" at the churches.

Caledonia's cornet band is coming to the front.

The Dupee hill is being graded down \$100 worth.

Goodrich Kopf is building an addition to his house.

Wm. Lind of Caledonia recently lost his house by fire.

A 12-year-old boy in Middleville weighs 167 pounds.

The L. L. C. will meet at Mrs. Brower's Friday afternoon.

Some people like eels. An eel makes a very pretty neck-tie.

The decorating committee made a fine appearance Saturday.

Earl Shaw returned from Ann Arbor last week for a brief visit.

Mrs. Dr. Hooken of Grand Rapids visited Lowell friends last week.

F. D. M. Davis was one of the orators at Clarksville Decoration day.

The agile form and familiar face of P. J. Coppens appeared in Lowell Monday.

"The Michigan Institute of Telegraphy" is what Jackson boasts of now.

Seasonable hints and suggestions are often found in our "Farmers' Column."

Mr. Phillip Althen, of Lyons, N. Y., is visiting his son Chas. Althen in this village.

A new religious sect, "The Latter House of Israel," has appeared in Grand Rapids.

C. E. Bush picked up a sound apple that had remained on the ground all winter.

Stanton will put in water works. A few big fires make "aye" votes for protection.

Several articles necessarily omitted this week to make room for the memorial address.

Mr. Treglow has made noticeable improvements on his place north of the Davis House.

Joseph Wilson Post, No. 57, G. A. R. mustered in several new recruits Wednesday night.

Edward Murphy, a Grand Rapids saloon keeper, committed suicide by hanging himself.

Rickett, the ice cream man, and confectionist, sells beverages that cheer but do not intoxicate.

R. J. Kennedy, living five miles west of Caledonia, lost his house by fire last Wednesday night.

Capitalists looking for a live town in which to embark in manufacturing should visit Lowell.

Mustering officer F. D. Eddy organized a camp of S. O. V. at Muskegon last Thursday night.

While drawing varnish from a vat Peter Jostle of G. R. was overcome by the fumes and died.

Forepaugh's show in Grand Rapids June 18. It was Cole's show that exhibited there on Monday.

A three years old heifer belonging to C. H. Trask recently gave birth to a calf that weighed 105 lbs.

The Lowell National Bank has been granted a new charter extension of twenty years from to-day.

Grand Rapids has raised the necessary amount (\$15,000) for the construction of its proposed cable road.

Jno. S. Hooker is running a hotel in Gainesville, Ga. A letter from him appears in this week's JOURNAL.

The races at Train's Driving Park will occur on Thursday and Friday July 2 & 3. Be ready for them, ye horsemen and lovers of the race.

Mrs. Dr. Dumon and D. C. Watters are spending a few days with their parents and other relatives in town.

Extra copies of the JOURNAL, containing Rev. J. T. Husted's memorial address can be obtained at this office.

Races at Grand Rapids June 23 to 26th, inclusive. Purse \$4,800. Entrance only 5 per cent. Good horses expected.

Joseph Graham owns a yearling Merino sheep that sheared 164 lbs. of wool the other day. Good for Joseph.

Dr. E. Wells, the veterinary surgeon, has located in Grand Rapids. Dr. Wm. C. Mitchell, of Toronto, succeeds him here.

Liberal subscriptions have been made toward the project of building a new flouring mill on the ground of the old Fox's mill.

Miss Mary Booth, having completed a course at the Northwestern Conservatory of Music, at Evanston, Ill., has returned to her home.

The prospect for fruit is better now than it was last winter, when mercury sneaked down into the basement of the thermometer.

Mrs. D. E. Rose and Mrs. Squier are visiting friends in Lowell, Mich., and will return in about two weeks.—Grand Haven Herald.

A supper social will be given at Mrs. W. J. Medler's on Friday afternoon and evening of this week. Supper served at 6 o'clock. All invited.

Dr. M. C. Greene, a University graduate, will soon open an office in Train's Hall block. Rooms for him will be fitted up adjoining Perry's office.

At Rickert's you will find ice cream, bananas, the finest fresh candies of all kinds, lemonade, seltzer, oranges, lemons, and cigars. And many other things.

Miss Esther Hitchcock, a teacher in Grand Rapids, spent Saturday and Sunday with Lowell friends. She was formerly a teacher in the Lowell Union school.

Uriel Snow of Cascade some time ago killed a pig nine months and fourteen days old, that weighed 335 lbs.—fed with a spoon the first ten days of its life, too. Beat that.

The store fronts of H. T. M. Treglow and C. G. Stone were handsomely draped Decoration day, and the front of Wingler's grocery was nicely decked with evergreen.

Joseph Wilson Post extends a vote of thanks to the orator, reader, chaplain, the decorating committee and other committees for their valuable services on Decoration Day.

The rear of Flat river's log drive passed Lowell yesterday. Secretary Sprague informed us that this year's drive is about 50,000,000 feet and that in a few years Flat river will forget how to float logs.

Dr. Elsworth, health officer, sent in to the State Board of Health Monday morning his report for May. He reported seven cases of scarlet fever here last week. Happily, the patients are all doing well.

M. H. Walker's office is in the Ledyard block, Grand Rapids; rooms 31 and 32, over 101 Ottawa street, where he will be glad to meet old friends and patrons. His professional card appears in this number of the JOURNAL.

The Grand Rapids Daily Eagle celebrated its thirtieth birthday May 24. It has been a prosperous daily and its publishers promise to make it a better paper than ever. In the language of Dryden, "that's the stuff."

In attempting to force their steam fire engine upon the village of Lowell the Mansfield Machine Works are adopting a novel method of advertising their goods. Lowell doesn't want that engine and does not propose to accept it.

The Adrian Record tells this story: A Petersburg frog is said to have fallen into a pot of mink on a recent night and next morning was found complacently seated on a roll of butter which he had churned in his fruitless efforts to get out.

Capt. Eddy, Lieutenants Matern and Ecker, Representative Peck, Sergeant Crawford, Harry Hunter and Louis Morse, of Perry Camp No. 9, S. O. V., attend the state encampment of Sons of Veterans at Lansing to-day and to-morrow.

The Eagle says it is a well known fact to those on the "inside" that when Congressman Comstock was at Washington he did not succeed in getting an interview with the President, at all. Mr. Comstock will never mythe the President to go fishing with him.

C. S. Townsend returned from the Indian Territory last week, Tuesday night. He says too much "Injun" there for him. He prefers to dwell among white folks. Mr. Townsend brought for the JOURNAL a very handsome geological specimen from the Territory.

An anonymous item signed "Tetotler," has been received. "Tetotler" thinks it "wrong to drink 'sody' water as it 'tens' to 'crate' a 'thrust' for stronger drinks." "Tetotler" should drink more spelling book tea. "Sody" water is a very harmless beverage, "Tetotler."

The bill amending Lowell's charter passed the House last Wednesday and was given immediate effect. It "hung fire" a long time in the Senate but when

it passed that body and went to the House, Representative Sellers secured a suspension of the rules and the immediate passage of the bill.

This morning while some of Shriver, Weatherly & Co.'s workmen were putting in a sewer connection in the eighth ward, they excavated an Indian grave and found in it two bars of silver weighing five and seven pounds respectively, a hatchet and some other Indian relics.—G. R. Eagle, 30th ult.

The following item is handed in for publication:

"At a recent meeting of the W. C. T. U. it was unanimously voted to extend our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Chas. McCarty for refusing to become bondsman for saloons in Lowell. And we also regret that any of our business men should lend their names or influence in any way to perpetuate an evil of such magnitude."

Congressman Comstock has forwarded the names of Drs. G. K. Johnson, Charles Shepard and W. F. Hake, of Grand Rapids, to Washington with the recommendation that they be appointed a Board of Pension Examiners for this country. The present Board is composed of Drs. S. R. Wooster, J. B. Griswold and Eugene Boise, who, of course, must have been "offensive partisans."

Doctors Ranney and Post of Lansing, who offered their services to the Russian government at the time of the threatened war have received word that to be eligible to such service they must have a diploma from some Russian college; that their ignorance of the Russian language would be a serious drawback, and that owing to the large number of Russian surgeons available their chances of acceptance would be very meager anyway.—Telegram.

Our readers have read reports of the terrible epidemic raging at Plymouth, Pa., caused by impure water, which has resulted in the death of scores of persons inhabiting that small city. Mr. Jose Lind showed us Saturday a local paper from Plymouth in which we noticed an item stating that there were then (last week) 730 cases of the epidemic under treatment in that city. A frightful sanitary record, indeed. Mr. Lind formerly resided at Plymouth.

In 1840 an oak tree was cut down on July 4 three miles south of Grandville, the size of the stump being seven by eight feet and was probably the biggest tree in the county. The tree was cut on July 4 to celebrate the day, that being about the only way in those days to make a big noise, and the noise of falling this immense tree was heard in Grand Rapids village. A limb of the tree about eight inches through stuck deep in the clay soil and is still standing there, big end up. The stump being in the highway was dug out years ago. The tree was cut by L. T. Bursley and Erastus Yeomans. The branch will be removed next Fourth of July by the neighbors, and preserved.—G. R. Democrat.

From an Old Lowellite.
Gainesville, Ga. May 24th, 1885.

El. Journal: Should any of the Lowellites, or any other Michiganders who have thawed out, wish to take a trip and visit a country where there is the best air and purest water in America, come to Gainesville, Ga. We have been here nearly seven months and have not seen one day that the sun has not shone. No hot, no cold, no wet and no dry weather. The mercury has only been down to zero once; has not been above 87° yet. We have had no gales or heavy winds, but every day, without an exception so far, a gentle breeze. Crops are now promising an abundant harvest. Wheat is nearly ready to cut, corn is looking fine. New Irish potatoes are beginning to come into market. We had ripe strawberries on the 31. Fruit and berries of all kinds are very plenty. Peaches are nearly grown and will be ripe in about two weeks. And for flowers, I reckon this place beats the world. It is one flower bed, both in the yards and out, and of endless varieties. In conclusion I wish to remark that should any desire to visit the city, they will find a northern hotel in a southern town with J. S. Hooker and wife as host and hostess. C. T. Wooding of Brass, N. C. and J. T. Phillips of Grand Rapids, Mich. are the first names appearing on the register. If any should wish information about the country, climate, &c., I would be glad to give it to the best of my ability. Yours &c.,

J. S. HOOKER.
HE KEPT THE WHOLE HOUSE AWAKE.
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mr. F. O. McCleary, a prominent solicitor of patents of this city, was troubled for several weeks with a severe cough, which not only deprived him of sleep but annoyed others. The only thing which did him any good, he says, was the new preparation Red Star Cough Cure, a purely vegetable compound, free from opiates, narcotics, or poisons of any kind.

TAKE NOTICE.
I have decided to go West and therefore my stock of GROCERIES must be closed out before August, regardless of cost. A. B. JOHNSON.

Ladies, Attention.
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On Monday evening, June 8, Tucker & Bourne's Dime Comedy Company will appear at Music Hall with an entirely new repertoire. This will be the "grand opening" of the "revised" Music Hall. The company is a good one and the admission price—10 cents—is very low. Tickets for sale by McWilliams.

OWEN FAWCETT.
Music Hall, June 17.
For one night only, Mr. Owen Fawcett, the well known and highly popular comedian, will visit Lowell. On Wednesday evening June 17, he with his excellent company will be at Music Hall where he will undoubtedly be welcomed by a large audience. Mr. Fawcett has won a fine reputation as a com-

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DECORATION DAY.

Decorations day was observed in Lowell in accordance with the program published last week. The day opened with prospect of rain and some delay was occasioned thereby, but at 10:30 the procession left the public square and proceeded to the cemetery, halting just outside where a platform and seats were found provided. The G. A. R., led by Commander Hicks, the Sons of Veterans, led by Capt. Eddy, followed by the teachers and pupils of the public schools presented a fine appearance. The column was headed by the Lowell Cornet Band and directed by Marshal Chas. Althen. Citizens in carriages and on foot followed, making the procession a most creditable and imposing one. The crowd of people assembled at the cemetery was very large. The exercises passed off entirely satisfactorily. The address by Rev. J. T. Husted was excellent and was listened to with absorbing interest. A very appropriate and comprehensive prayer was offered by the chaplain, Rev. D. L. Eaton. The poem recited by Mrs. Perry was a beautiful production delivered with fine effect. The Lowell Quartette and the L. C. Band furnished excellent music. Proceeding to the cemetery the nineteen soldiers' graves there were decorated with flowers. A shower came up just as this ceremony was being performed, which caused some to leave before the work was finished. The firm squad of the G. A. R. fired a volley over the last grave decorated and the exercises there were over. Before leaving the cemetery the Band proceeded to the grave of Warren Wilson (once a member of the Band) and played a dirge. The scene was very touching.

The return from the cemetery in the order named closed the public demonstration. Once more the graves of our fallen comrades have been visited and covered over with beautiful flowers. Let no decoration day find us forgetful of this duty.

The following is the Rev. Mr. Husted's memorial address:

Mr. President, Ladies, Gentlemen and Soldiers.—It is with the deepest feeling of patriotism that I accept the invitation to speak to-day. I am conscious that this occasion affords an opportunity for saying great things, grand things, and yet true things. But it is not always one can speak what is felt. There are times when we dare not attempt to express our feelings; some times when we ought not. But to-day I desire to say right words, kind words, and true words. Words that do honor to the dead and do justice to the living. To-day is the funeral anniversary of our worthy soldiers who died for their country. May the Spirit that guided Washington and Jackson, Lincoln and Garfield, guide us.

Love never forgets. Ingratitude is more than rebellion. The value of a gift is not only in the want it supplies; but also in what it cost the giver. What a man does should be measured by what it cost him to do it. What struggles of spirit? What efforts of will? What sacrifices he made ere the deed could be accomplished? These are the test questions. So I look abroad over this land where Liberty is enjoyed, where our homes are blessed with peace, under whose flag education and religion are protected, industry and genius are safe, and true manhood is honored. And I say of America, as the Psalmist said of Palestine: "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; Yea, I have a goodly heritage." But how did we get this great blessing? Our Fathers left it to us. But how did they get it? The history of our nation answers the question. As we learn there what this blessing cost them—money, time, energy, suffering, blood and death, was the price they paid. It took all these, one alone could not buy this blessing. Could they have paid more? No. That was the highest price that could be paid. Nothing in heaven or earth could be offered as a higher price. A human sacrifice, offered on any altar, human or Divine, is the greatest offering in the universe of God. But this precious legacy which our fathers left us, was imperiled. In 1861, angry words had deepened into deeds of war. Threats made by our angry brethren in the days of Andrew Jackson were now being put into execution. But the language of Jackson was not dead; it went echoing and re-echoing everywhere. "The Union must be preserved!" And the spirit of Jackson fell like a mantle upon the north and the east and west. And the men met and repeated, "The Union must be preserved!" The press, that was true to the Government, sent the messages far and near. Respective of political differences, or the success of political parties they said "The Union must be preserved!" Thus it was written. Neighbors met and talked it. Ministers wise or otherwise—preached it. School teachers taught it. The Union must be preserved! They argued—and right too—that there could be no American nation without Union. So the motto of "Old Kentucky" was the motto of the east and north and west. "United we stand, divided we fall!" If that was true for revolutionary times it was true for all times. But when Fort Sumter was attacked and Gen. Anderson with his brave band had to evacuate the Fort, then the Government at Washington the neighbors, the school teachers, the merchants and mechanics and laborers, the ministers, doctors, lawyers and printers, east, west and north, said: "The Union must be preserved!" So the word went from state to state, from city to city and from home to home. Douglas and Lincoln were one. Democrats and Republicans as parties at the north agreed that the Union should be preserved. The south was wrong in theory and they were wrong in practice. And no words can make the wrong right. No forgiveness can make rebellion other than it was, a wrong, unequalled for and unjustifiable. "Can either of you to-day name one single act of wrong done by the Government at Washington, of which the south has any right to complain? I challenge an answer!"—Hon. Alex. H. Stephens before the Georgia convention. This is the language of the man who was afterwards vice-president of the Confederate Government. But who can doubt its truth? So in the cities and villages, on the prairies and in the wilderness of the north, east and west the words were echoed and re-echoed—"The Union shall be preserved!" Men gathered in churches, in halls, in school houses and offered their services. Mothers gave their sons, wives gave their husbands, sisters gave their brothers, and maidens

gave their lovers that the Union might be preserved. Thank God! the gift was not in vain.

And we are here to-day to express our gratitude for this great gift. And we say of the dead soldiers:

"They sleep the sleep of the warrior. The thousands true and brave might, Who fought for the Right, with a zealous Than for them only a grave. They sleep in their medals in their holy rest. By the country they died to save."

"They sleep the sleep of the warrior. The hearts that were true and tried, fell. By the bucklet and dell where they fought and And the murmuring stream beside. But the faith they knew in the right and true Shalt for ever abide."

The occasion, therefore, that calls us together is one of deep interest to every lover of American Government. And our minds must fly back on the wings of memory to those awful years of war, which now lie under the shadow that ever covers the past, and which follows humanity in its onward march through time. Most of us remember the "twenty years ago." We seem to hear again the "tramp, tramp, tramp" of gathering armies. The echoes of the cannon's roar and the musket's sharp report fill again the air. We walk with the army through the news of war. And our blood rushes quickly through our veins, and our whole being is stirred by the fire of true patriotism. Do not blame us for this. The forgetting time has not yet come, but the forgiving time, I trust, has long since passed.

But there are some here who know only of the war as a record of United States history. To them it is a dark scar on the fair face of the goddess of American Liberty. And they ask what made that scar? I answer: "That is where the cancerous tumor with its two roots—slavery and disunion—made its appearance, and could be removed only by the sword, and the wound was healed by the blood of the slain." You are surprised; so you may well be. It is strange, but it is true. But the operation so painful has proved the salvation of the nation.

We come to-day, not to unearth the dead, not to resurrect the past we would forget, over whose strife and bitterness time's nimble fingers have woven the web of years. But we come to-day to our honored dead, to bid, as best we can, the bitterness and wrong we suffered, with the mantle of flowers. We would add to-day to the covering of years one more of charity, one more of sympathy, one more of honor and one more of prayer. But why cover the soldier's grave every year with flowers? Let meloche in some small way to answer that question. The grave to us is a sacred spot. It holds that which once moved with life and joy; that which once manifested a love for us, or which we loved. So we mark their graves with costly marble; we inscribe some loving words upon the stone and we thus show our love for those we can no longer see. It may be a little mound, where "blue eyed baby is sleeping," or a larger mound where the loved form of a sister, a wife, or mother is reposing; to us it is a holy place. So in the case before us to-day. We go to the mounds of our fallen heroes and place the flowers there as tokens of our gratitude. Heroic deeds deserve perpetual gratitude, so we gather flowers to place on them upon the soldiers' graves, and by this act say to the silent dead, "You are not forgotten." And we say to the living, "Thus shall it be done to the men whom the American nation delights to honor." And do the happy spirits look down through the parted clouds and see our act of grateful remembrance?

But these flowers with which you are to cover the soldiers' graves are emblems of those whose graves they cover. The soldiers of the civil war were the flowers of this nation. There never was a nobler army so far as intelligence and true manhood were concerned. The best of the nation were consecrated for its preservation. They were not an unit offering that was laid on the Holy Altar of their Country. And if the altar sanctifies the gift, the gift was worthy of that sanctification. I see in these flowers an emblem of human frailty; so easily plucked, so soon to fade, when most beautiful you have gathered them. So our national flowers were cut down in their bloom; the breath of war blighted their beauty; the flame of battle scorched their lives; the prison clamps withered their forms. But even in their death the aroma of their courage and the fragrance of their deeds have filled the civilized world with sweetness, and perfumed the nation they so dearly loved and for which they died. And this misty breath shall never destroy the truthfulness of that perfume or dim the beauty which encircles their lives. They fell

"As the leaves of the red rose fall And 'e'en in falling were sweet."

But I read in the flowers the lesson of hope. I see a light beyond the grave. These flowers are proofs of an unfolding bloom for those who fell so timely by the blast of war. As the winter's snow has melted away and the spring has come, bringing back the beauties we counted lost, and the flowers have been awakened out of their winter sleep, so our soldier sleepers shall ere long be awakened to new life in immortal honor, to everlasting glory, when the trump pet of God shall sound and the hosts who stood firm for right shall be marshalled! Then from all their graves, as from under the altar of their country, shall arise the noble and who courage their lives they gave when American Liberty, American Union, and American Homes and property were endangered.

The flowers are also a token of our love for those who died for us. We say to them by this act—Love you still, we remember you and honor your memory. These flowers are our pledges of love for the fallen and pledges of patriotism to our country. Neither time with its rolling years, nor the changes which we have felt and seen have made us forgetful of our dead. This we do, then in remembrance of them. This we do in love for them. Flowers are emblems of true sympathy and bereaved affection. It was a worthy act of the Queens of England to order a wreath of flowers pulled upon the coffin of our martyred GARDNER as a token of her sympathy. So we place as tokens of our love these flowers on graves more humble, but none the less honorable, none the less deserving. But while we decorate our honored dead, we crown, through their death a living country.

But I hope these flowers, as far as possible, will be emblems of our forgiveness of those who made this great sacrifice necessary. Let us bury all hatred and revenge and cherish with charity and pity, and true forgiveness, the wrong. "To err is human; to forgive Divine." The with the sunlight of love and the smile of heaven beaming upon us! DECORATION DAY will be a joy in the midst of sorrow, a blessing sanctified and holy. And our tears for remembered sufferings will become the jewels of honor from forgiving hearts; and the blood of our soldiers will be the cement of our Union and their graves the perpetual pledge of everlasting brotherhood. From these graves we hear the undying echo of their battle shout—"The Union must be preserved!" And we answer the shout—"Thank God! The Union is preserved!" And, in the language of Webster, we say: "Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable!"

America has been called the nation of civilians. Those who have worked out the greatest problem of the nation of the old world, the Government of the people, for the people and by the people. Where liberty and union are one; where peace, prosperity and safety are

enjoyed by each and all. This doubtless seemed very strange to the nations of the old world. How such a great nation could hold together without a standing army was a mystery to European statesmen. Carlyle said "It was because there were so many acres to the man." Others said: "It will do while they have the nation, but let civil war come and the nation must go to pieces." In other nations it was necessary to drill young men in the practice of war, that they might be ready always to do the duty of such things. So in January, 1861 the whole strength of our Army was only 16,367. And a civil war threatening us. But in three months from the time war was declared our army increased 170,000; that is, in July, 1861, we had an army of 186,751 men, in 1863 we had 918,000 and in May, 1865, we had 1,000,516. While the whole number of men raised during the war, was 2,690,401, proving conclusively that while in peace as a nation we were prosperous, in war we were not cowardly. Out of this great army which was furnished so quickly for the war, Michigan sent 88,111 men, and stands eight in the list of states for the number sent. To-day we cannot help remembering the vast multitude of brave men who took their lives in their hands and went forth to defend the country we delight to live in; an army of which America may well be proud, and any country be glad to own. We follow our great Generals from one victory to another until the echoes of the last battle die away, and our banner floats in triumph north and south, east and west, and Liberty, with victorious hand, holds out the olive branch of peace. But we cannot forget what that liberty cost, what that peace cost, what that victory cost. There is Lookout Mountain and Vicksburg and Gettysburg and Atlanta, they tell us a part of the price. Battles there before which Marathon and Waterloo sink into insignificance. Then there are the ghastly fields of Libby and Andersonville prisons, bearing witness through starring lips, as to the price of your liberty and my liberty. View that noble army as they come back. The song is heard—"The boys come marching home." But how many have left an arm or limb on the southern soil, how many with broken constitutions come home to die, all bearing the marks of war. Then think of the half million who never came back. They baptized the southern land with blood and mingled their dust with the soil. And there were wives waiting for husbands; sisters waiting for brothers; parents waiting for sons and children waiting for fathers; but waited in vain. Then some women went out in the springtime and put flowers on the soldiers' graves. And the nation heard of it and said "that is right." And the fragrance of these flowers was carried by the winds of peace east and west and north and south. And all said "let not the dead soldiers be forgotten." And Michigan was not behind in this labor of love. So the 30th day of May of each year was set apart as a Decoration Day; that the people of this state might show their gratitude to the soldiers who gave their lives for us.

But let me say a few words of justice for the living. Do not wait for their death before you honor them. Let us remember gratefully those who fought well and those who fought and died. Other things being equal, give the soldiers the offices. They deserve the places of ease and honor if they are qualified to fill them. See that the pensions are sufficient to keep them from suffering. Your taxes may be a little increased because of their pensions, but you would not have anything to tax, or your taxes would have been a hundred fold, if it had not been for the soldiers. Let the soldier's home be as free from want and suffering as possible. To-day I feel like taking every soldier by the hand and saying "I have no family, and you would not have anything to tax, or your taxes would have been a hundred fold, if it had not been for the soldiers. Let the soldier's home be as free from want and suffering as possible. 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